



# THE BEDFORD ADVANTAGE

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## Bedford Newsletter

April 2017

### Spring Has Sprung...and so will the grass and weeds!


As a reminder to all residents and property owners, please maintain the front, back and side yard areas of your property by cutting the grass, removing weeds and trimming all trees and shrubs as needed on a regular basis.

(Bedford Codified Ordinances 1341.19, 1341.18).

It is especially important to make sure all trees and shrubs are trimmed to provide a clear and unobstructed view of traffic from all directions and to protect pedestrians using sidewalks. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help us keep our neighborhoods safe, clean and visually attractive.

### Important Dates


 **Tax Department Open**  
April 1  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.


 **Council Meeting**  
April 3  
8:00 p.m.

 **Tax Department Open**  
April 8  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

 **City Hall Closed**  
April 14

 **Easter Egg Hunt**  
April 15  
10:00 a.m.

 **Council Meeting**  
April 17  
8:00 p.m.

 **Saturday Drop Off for Round-Ups**  
April 22  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

 **Heritage Home Program Meeting**  
April 26  
6:30 p.m.

## VOTE MAY 2 - ISSUE #1

OUR CITY. OUR FUTURE. YOUR VOTE.

FOR BEDFORD'S SAFETY, STREETS, COMMUNITY.

THE CITY OF BEDFORD IS PLACING ON THE BALLOT A  
PROPOSED .75% EARNED INCOME TAX WITH A TAX CREDIT OF 2.25%

#### WHY?

Significant State Revenue Reductions and Loss of Income Tax Dollars

#### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

The City of Bedford is facing over a 1 million dollar shortfall

#### WHAT IS THE CITY OF BEDFORD DOING ABOUT IT?

- The City of Bedford has made substantial budget cuts and secured municipal employee wage concessions **CUTS HAVE EXCEEDED \$1.6 MILLION SINCE 2013**
- Expenditures are at a 7 year low
- The City of Bedford is placing a .75% income tax issue on the ballot May 2

#### WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE SAFETY SERVICES INCOME TAX DOES NOT PASS?

- 3 Firefighters will be eliminated which will force us to run one emergency squad instead of 2
- The municipal swimming pool will be closed
- Senior programs will be eliminated
- The senior citizen van will be eliminated
- 2 service employee positions will be eliminated canceling the chipper and sewer services

#### WHO IS NOT AFFECTED?

Retired residents or those who have no earned income will not pay this tax.

Residents working in another City, Village, or JED taxing district with a tax rate of 2.25% and higher will not pay any more tax from the new tax issue than they are paying now.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE MAY 2 EARNED INCOME TAX  
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### Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up

From April 3 - April 28, the following can be dropped off at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (**NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF**): oil or solvent based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings - Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs - Paint thinner, mineral spirits, turpentine - Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides - caustic household cleaners - automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries - adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer - kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid - mercury, fluorescent bulbs.

**No latex paint accepted. Bedford residents only.**

### Heritage Home Program

The Heritage Home Program is having a public presentation on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers.

If your home is 50 years old or older, you have access to free advice regarding home maintenance and improvement projects! The Heritage Home Program offers free advice, personalized site visits, and access to low fixed-rate financing to cover project costs. Attend this session to meet HHP staff and get your questions answered in person.

To schedule a free site visit or to learn more about qualifying for a low-interest loan, call the Heritage Home Program at 216.426.3116 or visit their website, [www.heritagehomeprogram.org](http://www.heritagehomeprogram.org).

### Youth Baseball/Softball Registration

Mark your calendars for youth baseball and softball registration! Registration began on March 13 and continues through April 12. Call the Recreation Department for more details at 440.735.6573.

### Recycle Your Computer Month

From April 3 - April 28, the following can be dropped off at the Service Garage, 100 Solon Road, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (**NO AFTER HOURS DROP OFF**); CPU's, monitors, keyboards, software, and cell phones.

**No televisions. Bedford residents only.  
No businesses.**

**There will be a Saturday drop off date for Household Hazardous Waste and the Computer Round-Up open to residents on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

### 30th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 promptly at 10:00 a.m. at the Willard Picnic area at Ellenwood Recreation Center. This event is for Bedford residents only, children ages 9 and under.



### Chipper Service

The chipper service will begin April 3 and all items have to be out on the curb and called into the Service Department before that day. Once pick up starts, we will not add addresses to the list. The Service Department phone number is 440.735.6583. Reminder: Chipper service will only be the first week of every month.

### City Tax Help

The Bedford Tax Department will be open on Saturday, April 1 and Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to assist residents with their Bedford city taxes. City taxes are due on Tuesday, April 18.



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